



INSTALLATION
AND
FUNERAL CEREMONIES
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INSTALLATION SERVICES.



INSTALLING OFFICER.—Worthy Counselor, I am here for the purpose of installing into office those who have been legally elected. Is there any good and valid reason why I should not proceed ?

WORTHY COUNSELOR.—There is none.

INSTALLING OFFICER.—You will please invite those who are to be installed to seat themselves at the foot of the throne.

Members will sing—

Children of the Heavenly King,
As we journey let us sing ;
Sing our Saviour's worthy praise,
Glorious is our works and ways.

INSTALLING OFFICER.—The Worthy Counsellor elect will approach the altar.

INSTALLING OFFICER.—My Brother (or Sister,) you are now about to assume a responsibility of great magnitude. Your duties will be cheerful if your heart is actuated by principles of Purity, Justice and Equality. On the other hand, should you seek to exercise the authority of your station in a harsh and unfriendly spirit, your position will become arduous and your Court will fall into a condition of lukewarmness and lethargy. You will put both hands on the Bible, crossed, and repeat after me :

I, —————, in the presence of the all-wise Creator and the Brothers and Sisters assembled, do hereby and

hereon solemnly affirm, that I will call into requisition every power of intellect in carrying out the principles of our Court. I will endeavor to retain the confidence and esteem of those whose trusts have been confided in me.

You will now detach your hands and kiss the Bible.

My Brother (or Sister), receive from me the jewel of your office, and as you are being conducted to your *station* by the Worthy Escort, may you ponder well the significance of its meaning.

INSTALLING OFFICER.—Worthy Inspectrix, you will approach the altar and place both hands on the Bible, crossed, and repeat after me :

I, ————, in the presence of the all-wise Creator and the Brothers and Sisters assembled, do hereby and hereon solemnly affirm that I will assist the Worthy Counselor in the discharge of his (or her) duties, preside in his (or her) absence, suffer no infraction of the law and use every means at my command to promote the welfare of the Order. Kiss the Bible.

My Sister (or Brother), receive from me the jewel of your office, and as the Worthy Escort conducts you to your *station*, may you do all in your power to retain the confidence confided in you.

INSTALLING OFFICER.—Worthy Inspector, you will approach the altar and place both hands on the Bible, crossed, and repeat after me :

I, ————, in the presence of the all-wise Creator, and the Brothers and Sisters assembled, do hereby and hereon most solemnly and sincerely affirm that I will, to the best of my knowledge, impart the instructions pertaining to my office to those only who are legally qualified to

receive them, and perform such other duties as the office demands.

You will now detach your hands and kiss the Bible

My Sister (or Brother), receive from me the jewel of your office, and as the Worthy Escort conducts you to your *station*, may you use great prerogatives of your position in the interest of the Court.

INSTALLING OFFICER.—Worthy Orator, you will approach the altar and place both hands on the Bible, crossed, and repeat after me :

I, ————, in the presence of the all-wise Creator, and the Brothers and Sisters assembled, do hereby and hereon, most solemnly and sincerely affirm, that in the performance of the several duties imposed on me, I shall endeavor to perform the same in as impressive a manner as possible; that I will discountenance all folly and levity, and will seek to impress upon all initiates the sacredness of my task.

You will now detach your hands and kiss the Bible.

My Sister (or Brother), receive from me the jewel of your office, and as the Worthy Escort conducts you to your *station*, may you, and all of us, remember that the sands in the hour glass of time will some time cease to flow, and we should so live that others will emulate our example.

INSTALLING OFFICER.—R. of D., Rec. of D., and R. of A, will approach the altar and place their hands on the Bible, crossed, and repeat after me :

I, ————, in the presence of the all-wise Creator and the Brothers and Sisters assembled, do hereby and hereon most solemnly and sincerely affirm that I will, to

the best of my ability, conduct the affairs of my office ; that I will strive to serve the interest of my Court, and will do all in my power to gain the esteem of those whom I serve.

INSTALLING OFFICER.—Senior and Junior Directress, Conductress and Assistant Directress will approach the altar and place their hands on the Bible, crossed, and repeat after me :

I, —————, in the presence of the all-wise Creator and the Brothers and Sisters assembled, do hereby and hereon most solemnly promise and affirm that I will, to the best of my ability, perform the duties of the office to which I have been elected, using all means in my power to gain the confidence and esteem of those whom I serve.

You will now be conducted to your respective *stations* by the Worthy Escort. We feel satisfied that you will give the office that attention that duty demands.

INSTALLING OFFICER.—Worthy Escort, Herald and Protector will approach the altar and place their hands on the Bible, crossed, and repeat after me :

I, —————, in the presence of the all-wise Creator, and the Brothers and Sisters assembled, do hereby and hereon most solemnly and sincerely promise that I will perform the duties of the office to which I have been elected with all the ability and zeal at my command ; that I will endeavor to heal all dissention, should any arise, and perform such other duties as the occasion may demand.



FUNERAL SERVICES.

I. O. O. Calanthe.

REGALIA.

A purple rosette three inches in diameter, with black velvet centre of two inches, with G. C., and one-half-inch blue border (ribbon), to be worn as a badge of mourning by Grand Courts on the occasion of attending funerals.

The following rosette shall be worn by members in lieu of other regalia, viz.: Round blue rosette, black, flat centre, one and one-half inches in diameter, with white metal struck up, or silver embroidered escutcheon, surrounded by two rows of quilted half-inch black satin ribbon, the joint made by the ribbon joining the centre of the rosette, to be covered with one-quarter line silver braid, the completed rosette to be three inches in diameter. Suspended from the underside of the rosette a white silk ribbon two and one-half inches long, and four and one-half inches long, with name and number of Court, and the letters I. O. O. C., printed upon it in black, the white ribbon to be covered with black crape.

By Past Counselors—The same as for members, but gilt escutcheon.

For Officers—The same as for members, but substitute the emblem of their offices for the escutcheon in centre of rosette.

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

When the Order attends a funeral, the line of march shall be taken up in the following order :

1. The Worthy Protector bearing a baton covered with black crape, followed by members.

2. The Worthy Herald bearing baton same as Protector, followed by Worthy Register of Deeds, Register of Accounts, Receiver of Deposits, Senior and Junior Directors.

3. Worthy Escort, supported by Worthy Conductress, Worthy Assistant Conductress, followed by Worthy Counselor, Worthy Inspector and Worthy Inspectress.

4. Worthy Orator, supported by two Past Worthy Counselors.

5. Past Counselors and Past Grand Counselors.

SERVICES.

[The members on arriving at the grave will form a circle at the proper time. The Worthy Orator will then read:]

My Sisters and Brethren. We are assembled here upon this solemn occasion and in this consecrated place, to pay the last tribute of respect to an honored and beloved member of our Court and Order. Let us ever be reminded by the shortness of life which should constrain us to do all the good we can and scatter seeds of kindness and love wherever we go.

Let us so live that we may have the consciousness when called hence to know that if this earthly house of our tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God eternal in the Heavens.

Sister (or Brother), we lay thee down to rest, and return thy dust to mother earth, whence it came. We do pledge ourselves here by thine uncovered grave to sustain and maintain the principles of Fidelity, Harmony and Love, and to keep thy memory ever green in our hearts, and there build a monument to thee that the finger of time will be unable to efface. We hope to meet thee when the Arch-angel's trump shall summon us to the heavenly court. Till then we bid thee a loving farewell.

All respond—Farewell.

A sprig of evergreen will then be deposited in the grave.

Orator—Let us pray.

PRAYER.

Oh God, Thou Supreme Counselor and Protector of all who look to Thee for counsel and protection, in whom there is no change; we come to Thee at this time and fervently ask for thy divine help in this our affliction. We

pray Thee to give us an abundant increase of Fidelity, Harmony and Love.

Keep we pray Thee our Order by Thy continued mercy and grace, and grant that trusting continually in Thee we may have good success in our work, and especially grant unto us that which the world cannot give or take away from us. Look with Thy favor upon the bereaved relatives of the deceased; be Thou their protector and their guide, and finally when life's battles are over, bring us to Thy Heavenly Court, we ask it for Thy name sake. Amen.

Let us sing.

HYMN.

C. M.

Hear what the voice from heaven declares

To those in Christ who die :

Released from all their earthly cares,

They'll reign with Him on high.

Then why lament departed friends,

Or shake at death's alarms ?

Death's but the servant Jesus sends

To call us to his arms.

Then joyfully, while life we have,

To Christ our life we'll sing,

Where is thy victory, O grave ?

And where, O death, thy sting ?

The Worthy Orator, or Minister, will then dismiss the congregation. The Court will then form and return to Court Room in same manner as given above, at which place a committee is appointed to draft resolutions, which committee shall report at the next meeting of the Court.



